

# THE SALE OF SCHLAFLY WOULD LEAVE BIG VACANCY

## NATIONAL BOX MEN ALL IN GOOD SHAPE FOR THE CAMPAIGN

Their Work in the Series With New York Highly Encouraging—Connolly's Umpiring First-class—Foolishness of Some Coaches.

By THOMAS S. RICE.

One out of four. That was Washington's record in the series with the New York Highlanders, which closed yesterday. Three of the games were as good as ever seen on a ball field since the world began, from the standpoint of spectacular interest. The fourth and last was not so slow. New York took those three sizzlers, while Washington got the one in which there was a lot down.

An examination of the scores and a calling to mind of the plays in the three games Washington lost by scores of 2 to 1, 2 to 0 and 3 to 1, fails to show that Washington had anything to be ashamed of except in the matter of a lack of opportune hits. The three pitchers—Graham, Patten, and Smith—pitched remarkable good ball. None of them "exploded," none was wild, and all were effective. The trouble was, that while they kept the other fellows from scoring, neither Washington could score.

Just to show you some oddities of baseball. Nine hits were made off Patten for two runs. Only three of those hits had anything to do with the tallying. Yesterday morning five hits were made off Charley Smith, yet in the only two innings in which New York crossed the plate there was not a single bingle. If he had pitched a no-hit game, he would have been beaten anyhow, and just as badly.

Washington's only run in the Smith game was clearly earned on a triple followed by a sacrifice. And two of those runs which helped beat us were due to an error by Charley Jones, the most finished center fielder in either big league, who wouldn't miss the same kind of a ball twice in a season. Yet they say there is no such thing as baseball luck! Curses on the luck!

But, while beaten, Washington was not disgraced, and there was much comfort to be derived from the series. Their two games showed that Smith and Graham are in tip-top condition, and ready to pitch the highest class of major league ball. Heretofore, Patten and Hughes have had to be counted upon to do the winning, but it is now evident that there are four twirlers going good—nay, five, for our old college friend, Fred Falkenberg, allowed only four hits in seven innings yesterday in the second clash, and won by 9 to 2. There are five sweet slammers right on the job, barring off days, and now it's up to the rest of the team to do a little battling while these heavies are holding down the other fellows.

It was in Washington that Earle Moore pitched his first game last year, after his long lay-off, due to his accident, and he failed. Yesterday he started for New York in the second game, and lasted two innings. Moore did not look good. Griffith may be able to round him into better form than he showed in Cleveland, but yesterday he was lacking in pretty much everything that goes to make winning ball, and Griffith was wise enough to take him out. Doyle and Keefe, of Griffith's young twirlers, had made good against Washington, but Brockett was away behind the others, and proved a cinch.

Graham furnished a pleasant surprise when he failed to show wildness in his game. Most southpaws are uncertain, and Graham ranked high in that particular, but he didn't make a single mistake in the nine innings, which speaks well for a cub with the bush league dust still upon his manly brow.

Before going further, let us pause to pay a compliment to Tom Connolly.

upon his umpiring in the New York series. Three of the games were not merely fast and close, but they abounded in hair-line plays, yet Connolly gave great satisfaction to the fans, even when his close decisions were against Washington. He was prompt and accurate, and if all the arbitrating here this summer is as good as that he has shown so far this will be a lucky burg.

Griffith was dead anxious to make Washington pay for some of the games he lost in the West, and was shooed to the bench as often as he appeared. Connolly was firm enough with both teams, but he made due allowance for ordinary weaknesses, especially when that weakness is confronted by a scoreless ball game, and did not try to rub it into the players whose excitement caused them to burst into a few remarks. It is not always necessary to bench an overworked athlete who is trying to earn his salary, and Connolly is to be complimented upon his forbearance and considerate treatment of both teams.

Griffith has an irresistible tendency to coach the batter when there is nobody on bases. That is against the rules and led to nearly all of his trouble with Connolly. "What's the use?" remarked Joe Cantillon this morning when the question of Griffith's coaching came up. "This thing of being put out before you start is a waste of valuable opportunities. You can't accomplish anything when there is nobody on the bases, and as a manager is supposed to be there to direct his team, he is foolish to get bounced right off the bat. Might just as well keep quiet until somebody gets on the circuit, then do your legitimate coaching of the runner and batter in an effort to get him around. Hence, I am not that eager and expeditious that I begin to shoot off my mouth before the proper time, and then I try to devote my remarks entirely to my own men, and let the roaring of the ump and kidding of the enemy severely alone."

Pine for Joseph! As a moral lecturer he is the professor kid, but there have been times in the past league and days when the ump and opposing pitchers felt like taking to the timber as soon as they heard his first blast from the first base coach's box.

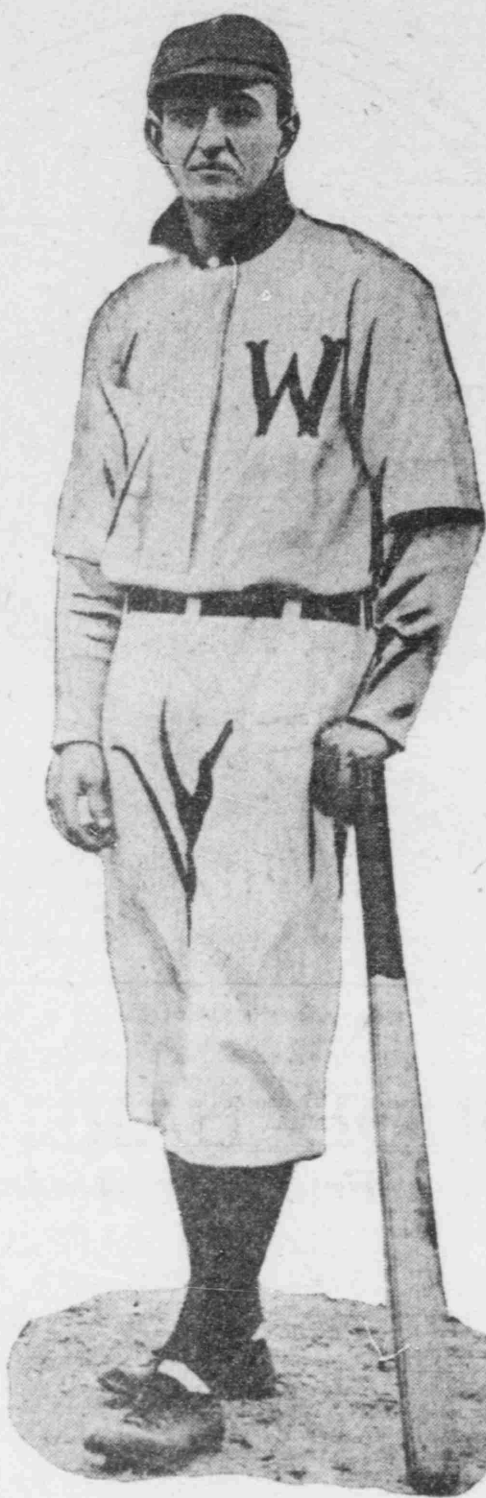
The score:  
Washington. AB. R. H. PO. A. E.  
Ganley, rf. 4 3 3 1 0 0  
Jones, 1b. 4 1 1 0 0 0  
Cross, 3b. 3 0 0 0 0 0  
Hickman, lb. 4 1 0 11 0 0  
Altizer, ss. 3 0 0 1 8 0  
Anderson, cf. 3 2 1 0 0 1  
Heydon, c. 4 1 1 2 0 0  
Nill, 2b. 4 2 2 3 3 1  
Falkenberg, p. 3 0 0 3 0 0  
Totals 28 9 10 21 16 1

New York. AB. R. H. PO. A. E.  
Ganley, rf. 2 0 1 0 1 0  
Elberfeld, ss. 2 0 0 4 1 0  
Conroy, lb. 4 2 1 5 1 0  
Chase, 3b. 3 0 0 3 0 0  
Williams, 2b. 2 0 1 2 0 1  
Hoffman, cf. 3 0 0 0 0 0  
Morality, 3b. 3 0 0 1 2 0  
Kleinow, c. 2 0 0 1 0 0  
McGuire, c. 1 0 0 3 1 0  
Moore, p. 0 0 0 0 1 0  
Brockett, p. 1 0 0 0 0 0  
Totals 27 2 4 14 2

\*Batted for Moore.

Earned runs—Washington, 3; New York, 1. First base by errors—New York, 1. Left on bases—Washington, 5; New York, 4. First base on balls—Falkenberg, 3; off Brockett, 6; off Moore, 1. Innings pitched—By Moore, 2; by Brockett, 6. Hits made—Off Moore, 4; off Brockett, 6. Struck out—By Falkenberg, 2; by Brockett, 2. Two-base hit—Nill. Sacrifices hit—Cross. Stolen bases—Ganley. Hit by pitcher—By Moore, 1; by Brockett, 1. Umpire—Mr. Connolly. Time of game—1 hour and 50 minutes.

## GETTING BETTER EVERY DAY



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## WRIGHT WINNER AT CHEVY CHASE

The handicap stroke competition, which was held on the links of the Chevy Chase Club yesterday, was won by W. M. Wright. Mr. Wright completed the course in ninety strokes, which, with his handicap of 18, gave him a net score of 72 strokes.

Andrew Parker, with a handicap of twelve, was second, his card showing one more stroke than Parker's. The scores:  
Gross. Hdp. Net.  
W. M. Wright..... 90 18 72  
Andrew Parker..... 85 12 73  
W. S. Peter..... 82 12 74  
S. L. Heap..... 82 17 99  
W. H. Reynolds..... 84 18 102  
H. McCain..... 82 16 98  
J. S. Webb..... 84 17 101  
H. W. Scavely..... 97 18 115  
W. F. Ham..... 95 12 107  
L. A. Pratt..... 100 20 120  
M. E. Gates..... 96 17 113  
J. Bell..... 95 15 110

## HYATTSVILLE DROPS GAME TO BRENTWOOD

Brentwood won from Hyattsville, in the Suburban League, yesterday by 7 to 2.

The score:  
Hyattsville. RHOAE. Brent. RHOAE.  
Galt, ss. 1 2 1 3 0  
McAfee, c. 0 1 0 1 0  
Gelb, lf. 1 1 0 1 0  
A. Lea's, 3b. 0 0 4 2 0  
Dorr, 2b. 0 0 1 0 0  
Byrd, cf. 0 0 1 0 0  
G. L. Hart, 1b. 1 2 1 3 0  
Curnane, p. 0 2 1 1 0  
Darnall, c. 0 0 2 0 0  
Carr, c. 0 0 1 0 0  
Totals 2 8 24 11 4

Hyattsville..... 1 0 0 0 0 0 1 0-2  
Brentwood..... 1 0 0 4 0 1 1 0-7  
Earned runs—Brentwood, 2. First base on errors—Hyattsville, 1; Brentwood, 2. Left on bases—Hyattsville, 8; Brentwood, 5. First base on balls—Off Curnane, 4; off Barhardt, 1. Struck out—By Curnane, 5; by Barhardt, 10. Three-base hit—Gelb. Two-base hits—Curnane, Bergling. Sacrifices hit—Brauner. Stolen bases—Curnane, Smith. Double plays—A. Leakin to Dorr; Beckett to Hayes. Wild pitches—Curnane. Barhardt. Umpire—Mr. Owings. Time of game—2 hours.

## CLEVELAND MAY BUY SCHLAFLY

Bargaining About Price.  
Club Shy on Utility Men.

By THOMAS S. RICE.

If Manager Cantillon can get the price he has named, and it is likely that he will, in less than a week Harry Schlafly, the Washington second baseman, will be wearing a Cleveland uniform.

Cantillon recently asked waivers on Schlafly, as his services are much in demand in fast minor leagues, but St. Louis, New York, and Cleveland would not hear to his getting out of the American League. Having found three places where he was highly esteemed, negotiations were begun by the manager to see what he could get for the second sacker. To date, Cleveland has been the highest bidder, but Schlafly may be retained indefinitely until the money offered meets Washington's view of the player's worth.

### He's in Demand.

Clarke Griffith was also anxious for Schlafly and offered to take him away with him to Boston last night, but Griffith's principal need is a couple of good pitchers, and he declined to pay a high price for another infielder when he has a combination like Chase, Williams, and Elberfeld on the job.

What McAfee offered for Schlafly is not known, but St. Louis is in need of a steady holding second baseman to back up the place of Niles, who is not much of a success at the bag this year, although he has been improving with the bat.

### Guyed by Crowd.

Schlafly's troubles in Washington have won him the sympathy of many of those who understand his case. He is not, and never has been, a heavy hitter, but he is by no means the weakest hitting second baseman in the American League, and last year he stood next to Lajoie in fielding. He is a hard worker and knows the game, but this season he struck a batting slump that put him away down. Then began the hammering. Every time he failed to knock the cover off the ball he was guyed, and when he did connect safely there were derisive cries of "How did you do it?" "I don't believe it," etc., so that he came to the conclusion that it was impossible for him to get in right.

Some players could stand this, but Schlafly could not, and it affected his playing so much that Cantillon decided to give him a chance to start fresh in another town.

### Captaincy a Handicap.

Another handicap for Schlafly was the fact that the captaincy of the team was practically forced on him this spring. When Cantillon got to Galveston with his squad the manager had never seen Washington in action and had to be introduced to his players. Schlafly had been with the club and was the only infielder qualified for the job except Lave Cross, who announced that he would rather quit than accept that dignity. While Schlafly was naturally gratified at his appointment, it militated against his playing, very much like the job of manager nearly killed Jake Stahl's future as a player. He was over-anxious and was too busy watching the other men on the field, not only for his own benefit but to help out Cantillon, that he gradually fell off in his sticking until he had to be relegated to the bench.

On a winning team or a heavy hitting team like Cleveland, Schlafly would be a 50 per cent better ball player than he was here.

Should Schlafly be allowed to go, the fans will be wondering how their team stands. The only utility infielder then would be Perrine, who was taken out of short after being given a chance there, and was later taken off second.

## MY STAR FIRST AT BRIGHTWOOD

Crabtree Horse Takes Feature Event in Straight Heats.

The race meeting at Brightwood came to a close yesterday with a good card. The feature was the free-for-all harness race, which was won by J. C. Crabtree's My Star, which was first in straight heats.

The running race was won by How About You.  
The summaries:  
2:15 trot.  
Celesta (Theodore Allan)..... 1 1 1  
Sir Electrod (Frank Thomas)..... 2 2 2  
Colibro (J. C. Mott)..... 3 3 3  
Montana Guard (Bob Steele)..... 4 4 4  
Time, 2:24, 2:23, 2:30.

2:40 trot.  
Belr Brewer (James Morrow)..... 1 1 1  
Carstairs (Robert Steele)..... 2 2 2  
Bob R. (Frank Thomas)..... 3 3 3  
Colibro (J. C. Mott)..... 4 4 4  
Time, 2:30, 2:27, 2:27.

Free-for-all harness race.  
My Star (Bob Evans)..... 1 1 1  
Ada D. (John Seely)..... 2 2 2  
Galely (Bob Steele)..... 3 3 3  
L. J. K. (Alonso Corbin)..... 4 4 4  
Time, 2:18, 2:19, 2:22.

Running race—3-mile heats.  
How About You..... 1 1  
High Runner..... 2 2  
Isadoro Hirsch..... 3 3  
Time, 1:18, 1:17.

One mile hurdle race—McFonso, first; George Atwell, second; Wild range, third. Time, 1:57.

If Perrine did not connect with either the short or second hole, it is not likely he would do any better at third if anything happened to Grandpa Cross. If a man in the infield as it now stands were to be put out by an umpire, accident, or illness, it would not be a case of dropping in one man to fill the hole, but the entire infield would probably have to be rearranged, as was the case the other day when Hickman was taken out and Anderson came to first. Nill went to left, and Perrine to second. Breaking your combination in that way is not a helpful proceeding for a ball team that is already playing up to the full limit of its ability, and is presenting its strongest front to the enemy.

Incidentally, there is not visible on the horizon any signs of a flock of utility outfielders. If Jones, Anderson, or Stanley were to get hurt unless the infield were sacrificed, it would be necessary to send a pitcher or catcher to the far gardens, and Washington has not a twirler nor backstop to spare for that purpose.

### Kitson Sold to New York.

Kitson was sold to New York yesterday for cash, no other player being involved in the transaction. Kitson has been going very badly for Washington this season. Last year he was hit in the arm by a bunch of rheumatism, which put him out just when he was expected to be most valuable. This season he thought he was all right, but there was little doing in the way of encouragement for Washington when Frankie was in the box. With New York's good infield behind him he may make good, but it is more than likely that the veteran has seen his best days. Cantillon now has only five pitchers, and double-headers with everybody in the league. A few accidents would cause a heap of trouble at this time.

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## AMERICAN LEAGUE

### Yesterday's Results.

Morning Games.  
New York, 2; Washington, 1.  
Philadelphia, 3; Boston, 1.  
Chicago, 8; St. Louis, 2.  
Cleveland, 1; Detroit, 0.

Afternoon Games.  
Washington, 3; New York, 2.  
Boston, 6; Philadelphia, 4.  
St. Louis, 2; Chicago, 0.  
Detroit, 6; Cleveland, 0.

### Today's Games.

Philadelphia at Washington.  
Detroit at Cleveland.  
St. Louis at Chicago.  
New York at Boston.

### Standing of the Clubs.

	Won.	Lost.	Pct.
Chicago	23	11	.676
Cleveland	23	15	.608
Detroit	23	16	.592
New York	18	16	.529
Philadelphia	15	18	.450
St. Louis	15	23	.395
Boston	12	26	.316
Washington	10	22	.313

## NATIONAL LEAGUE

### Yesterday's Results.

Morning Games.  
Boston, 4; Brooklyn, 0.  
Philadelphia, 5; New York, 2.  
Cincinnati, 7; St. Louis, 3.  
Chicago, 6; Pittsburgh, 4.

Afternoon Games.  
New York, 6; Philadelphia, 1.  
Cincinnati, 7; St. Louis, 1.  
Chicago, 7; Pittsburgh, 1.

### Today's Games.

Brooklyn at New York.  
Boston at Philadelphia.  
Cincinnati at St. Louis.  
Pittsburgh at Chicago.

### Standing of the Clubs.

	W.	L.	Pct.
Chicago	29	9	.764
New York	28	9	.757
Philadelphia	21	14	.600
Pittsburgh	18	15	.545
Boston	15	22	.405
Cincinnati	15	22	.405
St. Louis	10	23	.306
Brooklyn	10	27	.270

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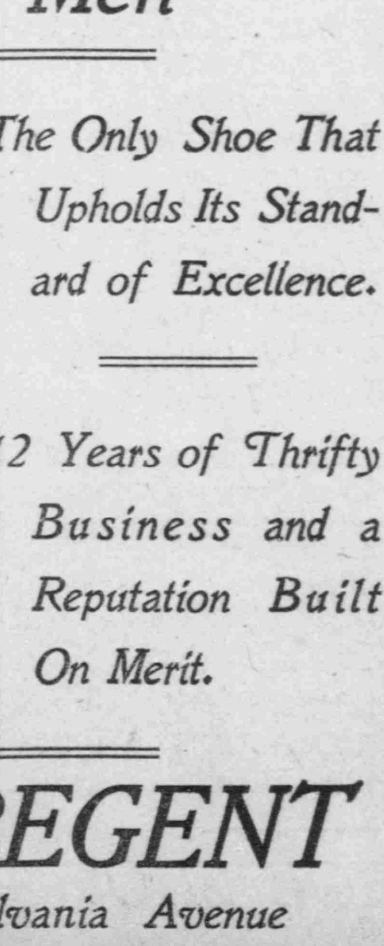
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